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**Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPLOYING GEOTEXTILE TUBES**

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## **AMENDMENT A**

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated September 18, 2001.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 7, 9, 10, 12 and 36.

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Amended) A system for maintaining fill material solids in position to form a barrier or dam, the system comprising:

(a) a first elongated sheet of geotextile material [capable of coiling to form a helical structure]:

(b) a means for seaming the first elongated sheet into a first continuous tubular-shaped container having an inside space: [and]

**(c) at least two ballast tubes disposed within said inside space of the container: and**